

Amendments to the Specification

At specification page 1, after the paragraph beginning with "[t]his is a nationalization," insert the following headings:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

At specification page 1, replace the paragraph beginning with "[t]he present invention relates to" with the following replacement paragraph:

The present invention relates to a bag ~~of the kind defined in the preamble of Claim 1~~ having a bottom wall and four side-wall portions extending along edges of the bottom wall, a front wall, and a bag strap.

At specification page 1, after the paragraph beginning with "[t]he present invention relates to," insert the following heading:

2. Description of the Prior Art

At specification page 1, after the paragraph beginning with "[a] further object of the invention," insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

At specification page 1, delete the paragraphs beginning with "[t]he invention is defined in" and "[f]urther embodiments of the invention will be apparent from."

At specification page 3, after the paragraph beginning with "[t]he invention enables the bag," insert the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

At specification page 3, replace the paragraph beginning with "[t]he invention will now be described" with the following replacement paragraph:

The invention will now be described by way of example with reference to the accompanying drawing, ~~in which~~ figures.

At specification page 3, after the paragraph beginning with "[f]igure 4 is a view" (i.e., the brief description of Figure 4), insert the following heading and new paragraph:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Further scope of applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and

scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.

At specification page 3, replace the paragraph beginning with "[t]he bottom wall 51 is upholstered" with the following replacement paragraph:

The bottom wall 51 is upholstered, so as ~~tie~~ to lie comfortably against the bag carrier.

At specification page 4, replace the paragraph beginning with "[t]he strap 3 extends" with the following replacement paragraph:

The strap 3 extends through a strap transit fitting 40 on a second side-wall portion 21 situated opposite the first side-wall portion 11. Figure 1 shows the strap 3 in a length-adjusted state in which it provides shoulder loops 45 between the strap transit 40 and respective end fittings 12, so that the bag can be carried on the user's back, as a back pack, with one of the side-wall portions 11, ~~12~~ 21 facing upside down. The pivotal action of the fitting 12 enables the strap ends connected thereto to take a correct angle relative to the plane of the bottom wall 51, essentially plane-parallel with the side-wall portion 11. When the bag is worn with a loop 45 around each shoulder, the difference in the pressure at which the strap edges abut the wearer of the bag can be reduced as

a result of the pivotal action of the fitting 12, wherewith the pressure of the strap edges against the wearer's shoulders will normally be very low when the side-wall portion ~~21~~ 11 carrying the ~~fitting~~ fittings 12 faces upwards.

At specification pages 4-5, replace the paragraph beginning with "[a]s a result of the present invention" with the following replacement paragraph:

As a result of the present invention, when in the state shown in Fig. ~~1~~ 3 the bag can be carried with its volumetric centre/centre of gravity essentially in the plane that is pitched by the strap loop 46, thereby enabling the bag to be carried comfortably with the strap loop 46 over one shoulder of the bag user. The bag can also be readily switched between its two modes of use according to Figs 1 and 3. The bag may also be provided with appropriate means for restricting the extent to which the lid 61 can be opened away from the main part of the bag.

At specification page 5, after the last line, insert the following new paragraph:

The invention being thus described, it will be apparent that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be recognized by one

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skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.

At specification page 6 (i.e., the first claims page), delete the heading in its entirety and replace the heading with the following replacement heading:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: